

REMARKS

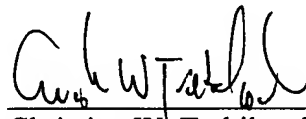
The Examiner has considered the amendment document filed on June 4, 2004, non-compliant because 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 requires both a clean and marked-up copy of amendments to the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith amendments to the specification with the changes shown above as previously submitted, and also a clean version of the specification that incorporates the amendments, which is attached hereto in Appendix A.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application and the claims, as amended in the Preliminary Amendment, therein are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all claims at an early date is solicited.

Applicants would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned attorney of record should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this Response or the claim language for purposes of efficiently resolving same.

Respectfully submitted,

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